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In re Patent Application of:
Daisuke Yano et al.

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Art Unit: 1773

For: TRANSFERABLE MAGNETIC TAPE,
METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SAME,
AND MAGNETIC CARD

Examiner: H. C. Rickman

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 8/15/2007, extended to February 15, 2008 by a Petition for Extension of Time for Three (3) Months, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejection of claims 1-5 and 12-16 as unpatentable over Kobuta et al in view of Marechal et al (both previously applied).

Kobuta et al. discloses a magnetic card comprising (1) a planar substrate having at least a surface layer of a thermoplastic resin, (2) a magnetic layer disposed at least one part of a surface of the planar substrate, (3) a color layer disposed on the magnetic layer, and (4) a pattern layer disposed on the color layer. In this magnetic card, the color of the magnetic layer which does not contribute to an attractive appearance is hidden under the color layer, and, because the pattern layer is disposed on the color layer, the pattern is not restricted by the color of the magnetic layer and appears clear due to the presence of the color layer.

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